

BEFORE THE PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA

Order Instituting Rulemaking on the Commission's
Own Motion to Consider Revising Energy Utility
Tariff Rules Related to Deposits and Adjusting Bills
as They Affect Small Business Customers.

R. 10-05-005

***MOTION OF CALIFORNIA SMALL BUSINESS ROUNDTABLE AND
CALIFORNIA SMALL BUSINESS ASSOCIATION
TO ENTER AN APPEARANCE***

California Small Business Association and California Small Business Roundtable request leave to: (1) enter an appearance and be added to the service list in this proceeding, (2) submit their Opening Comments on the Small Business and Community Outreach Staff Report and (3) submit their Notice of Intent to Seek Intervenor Compensation.

California Small Business Association (CSBA) is a 501(c)(6), nonprofit organization that grew out of the 1980 White House Conference on Small Business. It is a grassroots, volunteer-driven organization dedicated to helping members "grow their businesses," informing members about government programs and other resources available to assist them and advocating the views of small business in Congress, California Legislature and federal and state agencies. CSBA regularly polls its members on public policy issues affecting small business and receives guidance from its California Small Business Roundtable (CSBRT), which consists of 40 leading business owners from across the state. CSBA has approximately 203,000 members, in the State of California.

CSBA, CSBRT and their members and all small businesses have an interest in this proceeding. According to the U.S. Small Business Administration, there are over 3.4 million small businesses in California. Small businesses employ approximately 7 million Californians or about 50 percent of the state's non-farm, private workforce. Small

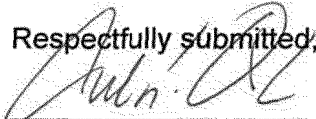
businesses owners depend on electric and/or gas service to operate and grow their businesses. As a result, small business owners have an interest in ensuring that the terms and conditions for these services (including deposit, back-billing and refund requirements) are fair and reasonable.

As the Staff Report of July 28, 2010 states, the Small Business Program Staff specifically invited CSBA and other small business organizations to attend the Workshop held on July 6 in this matter. (Small Business Program Staff Report, p. 1.) As reflected throughout the Staff Report, CSBA/CSBRT attended the Workshop, presented its views on the issues in this proceeding and actively participated in the discussion that led to a consensus on many of the issues. (*Id.*, pp. 9, 14, 15.) Indeed, as reflected in the Workshop Report, it seems that CSBA/CSBRT was the only small business organization to offer comments at the Workshop. CSBA/CSBRT would like to continue to participate in this proceeding on behalf of their small business members.

Granting CSBA/CSBRT's motion will not delay the resolution of any matter in this proceeding. Pursuant to the Administrative Law Judge's Ruling of July 28, 2010, CSBA/CSBRT has submitted along with this motion their Comments to the Small Business and Community Outreach Staff Report. (See attached.) CSBA/CSBRT is also submitting its Notice of Intent to Seek Intervenor Compensation (NOI). Copies of the Motion, Comments, and NOI were served on all parties appearing on the service list for this proceeding.¹

¹ The OIR previously set the dates for entering an appearance as June 1, 2010 and filing NOIs as June 11, 2010. In view of the need for small business participation and lack of prejudice to any party in this matter, CSBRT/CSBA requests that this motion be granted.

Dated: August 6, 2010

Respectfully submitted,



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CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

Re. Order Instituting Rulemaking on the Commission's Own Motion to Consider Revising Energy Utility Tariff Rules Related to Deposits and Adjusting Bills as They Affect Small Business Customers (OIR 10-05-005).

I hereby certify that on this day I served a copy of the attached **MOTION OF CALIFORNIA SMALL BUSINESS ROUNDTABLE AND CALIFORNIA SMALL BUSINESS ASSOCIATION TO ENTER AN APPEARANCE** on all known parties by (i) emailing a copy to each party with an email address appearing on the official service list for the above proceeding and (ii) mailing by first class mail to all others. (Pursuant to Rule 1.9, a list of the names of the persons and entities served is attached to the original certificate filed with the Commission.)

Dated in Larkspur, California on August 6, 2010.



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